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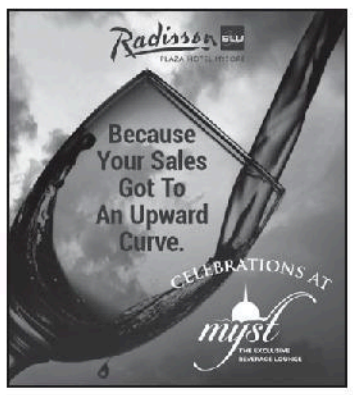

Bharat Bandh

Lukewarm response in city

Normal vehicular movement observed at busy K.R. Circle in city this morning. Picture right shows protesters on march requesting shop owners to down the shutters at Shivarampet.

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RK,RKB& DM)- The Bharat Bandh, called by farmer associations and a host of other organisations across the country seeking repealment of the three farm laws introduced by the Centre last year, received a lukewarm response in city, with shops and commercial establishments, educational institutions, public and private offices and the like, functioning as usual.

However, the 6 am to 4 pm bandh was marked by processions, protests, demonstrations and meetings at different venues.

Today's bandh was called under the aegis of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), which is spearheading an agitation near New Delhi for the past ten months. The bandh call also marked the first anniversary of President Ram Nath Kovind's assent to the three farm laws (Sept. 27, 2020), which the farmer bodies claim are 'black laws.'

(See BANDH on page 7)

World Tourism Day

Tourists welcomed with sweets, flowers

Visitors will not get a glimpse of the Golden Throne this Dasara

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (MTY&BCT)- Dasara season has now begun and Mysuru is in the process of being lit up and is full of people. More tourists are expected to come in till the end of the festival season.

Taking an initiative to welcome tourists who have already landed in Mysuru on World Tourism Day today, the Mysuru Travels Association, Hotel Owners Association, Karnataka Tourism Department, Mysuru Palace Board and all other Tourism Department fraternity had organised a 'say it with flowers' event this morning where flowers and sweets were handed over to visitors.

The event was held near Varaha Gate of the Mysore Palace and titular head of Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar did the honours by handing over flowers and sweets to over 70 tourists.

In a formal chat with reporters, Yaduveer said that preparations for a traditional Dasara were on inside the Palace. During the course of the conversation, he said that due to COVID and as a precaution, tourists will not be allowed to view the gem-studded Golden Throne this time. "A decision has been taken not to allow tourists to view the Golden Throne due to the pandemic. I cannot reveal further details regarding this," he said.

(See TOURISTS on page 7)

TEASER

By N. Prakash

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "Recalling a plague epidemic of 1907 in times of COVID-19 pandemic" —Ed

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 27th September 2021

She Creation launches

third showroom on D.D. Urs Road

Mysuru, Sept. 27- *She Creation,* a Fashion Jewellery Showroom, was inaugurated on D. Devaraja Urs Road in city on Sept. 17.

This is the third showroom of *She Creation,* owned by Praveen Jain, which already has two showrooms at Shivarampet. The new showroom, launched by Jain's mother Sohanabai, has a variety of necklace, earrings, bangles, bracelets and many more fashion jewelleries.

Inter-Club Boxing Championship next month: Entries invited

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Gladiators Boxing Academy, Bengaluru, affiliated to Karnataka Amateur Boxing Association, will be conducting Inter-Club Boxing Championship at Gladiators Boxing Academy, Bande Ground, Government Gym Building near BBMP Tax Office, Ramaswamy Palya, M.S. Nagar in Bengaluru on Oct. 2 and 3.

The Championship, which is being organised for the second year, will be conducted in four different categories for both men and women; Sub Junior, Junior, Youth and Senior categories.

Those interested to take part in the Championship should register their names before Sept. 29.

For details, contact Organising Secretary L. Anil Kumar on Mob: 78927-23894.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

So what exactly is happening to our Civil Service Officers, or India's "steel frame", and why have IAS Officers become the way they are? Perhaps, it is the outdated performance measurement structure that incentivises the status quo. IAS Officer would never get rewarded for making a big positive change but would certainly be penalised if things go wrong. Reforms are fine but constantly questioning the cadre's relevance or running the service down will only weaken the structure. A beleaguered steel frame needs reinforcement when the country's priority is to provide momentum to the economy after the COVID situation when consumption, increased spending, asset monetisation, PSU disinvestment, engaging with the private sector for wealth creation are necessities. Carrying out the business of governance requires a competent civil service, getting the job done necessitates coordination, an all-around perspective, leadership and vision which fits the IAS Officer's experience with different jobs garnered over several years.

While the IAS community forms the backbone of the governance structure in India, their contribution requires teamwork at every rung, especially the frontlines. For their part, the IAS must realise that times have changed and that they need to adapt, to professionalise, to not only administer but also enable progress. While privileged to lead their attitude should be to serve.

— Priyan R. Naik in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man seeks divorce because wife doesn't bathe daily

Lucknow: A from Uttar Pradesh tried to divorce his wife of two years because she doesn't bathe daily and they fight every time he asks her to.

Personal hygiene is an important part of a relationship, and in some cases, it can become a serious enough issue to warrant the end of said relationship. Case in point, the man, who decided to divorce his wife because she refused to bathe every day, claimed to have repeatedly asked his wife to bathe more often, but every time the issue came up, their discussion ended in a verbal spat.

Ultimately, he tried to break off the marriage, even though the two had a one-year-old child together.

Translucent caterpillar has eerily visible insides

New York: The caterpillar of the Brazilian Skipper Butterfly has translucent skin that offers an eerily clear view of its insides, especially the circulatory system.

Brazilian skipper butterflies are larger than most skipper butterflies, but it's not their size that sets them apart as a species, it's their appearance during the caterpillar stage. What really makes this tiny critter special is its translucent skin, which offers a very clear view inside the caterpillar, revealing the organs and especially the circulatory system. This see-through skin gives the Brazilian skipper caterpillar a very strange look, especially when you realize that the twitching dark line that runs down its back, from its head to the rear of the abdomen, is the heart.

Found in the United States from southern Florida and southern Texas, West Indies, Central America, down to Argentina, in South America, the Brazilian skipper feeds on the leaves of Canna Lilies.

HEALTH CAPSULE

In COVID time Be your child's best friend and answer all their queries.

- Stay calm, listen and offer
- Talk about COVID-19 and explain COVID-19 appropriate behavior (hand washing, mask donning, and social distancing) to children.

Keep reinforcing it from time to time.

By Jeesamol Chandy - Executive Nurse

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Scholarship for Iyengar community students

Mysuru, Sept.27- Applications are invited from students of Hebbar Sri Vaishnava community of Mysuru and Mandya districts for a scholarship based on need-cum-merit basis.

Candidates should have passed 12th (II PUC) exams during the year and are to pursue technical education. Candidates with higher basic qualification are also eligible for the scholarship.

Scholarship forms can be obtained and handed over to H.G. Sathyanarayana at Sri Godha Govinda Seva Samithi, Discourse Hall, Sri Vaishnava Sabha building, Saraswathipuram (opposite Saraswathi theatre), Mysuru, between 4 pm and 6 pm.

Last date for receiving the applications is Oct.15. For details contact Mob:94801-94204, according to press release.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Sept. 27- **Mohammad Idrees Bhat** has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Segmentation and recognition of Devanagari text' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Sharada.

G. Manjunatha has been awarded Ph.D in Economics and Co-operation by UoM for his thesis 'Asymmetric information and Indian financial markets - An econometric analysis' [Guide: Dr. M. Mahesha].

REALLY...?

- ***The National Cake Day is celebrated on November 26.***
- ***The first reference to 'birthday cake' came in 1785.***
- ***The word 'cake' originated from the Middle English 'kake'. It is also related to some English word called pastry and tart.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

AT WORK:

Excuse me, may I disturb you shortly?
Of course, what is it?
Nothing, I just wanted to disturb you!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.63
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.73
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.05
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.30

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	SEPTEMBER 25	SEPTEMBER 26
Day's Positive Cases	65	81
Total Positive Cases	1,77,688	1,77,769
Day's Discharges	45	72
Total Discharges	1,74,670	1,74,742
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	2,383	2,384
Total Active Cases	635	643

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

A Civil Engineering Challenge!

Sir,

RCC drains and footpath works are under progress on Basaveshwara Road. It is appalling to witness local bodies constructing RCC drains all over the city — left, right and centre.

In the past, I have taken walks on many roads where RCC drains are provided. In most cases rainwater from the road has no access to the drain *(as the case here in the picture)*. I challenge the authorities to invite residents of such localities and explain how such drains work.

Another aspect I observe in the picture is the width between the compound wall and the road kerb line. It looks 4 to 5 meters wide, where road width seems to have shrunk to accommodate the drain and illogical kerb.

In several places I have experienced unstable RCC covers to the drain. Wobbling covers scare the pedestrians.

In the above work, gap between the drain and compound wall is lower than drain cover. Assuming that the gap will be paved, how do we drain the water from that area into the drain?

I do hope that the width of the gap plus drain cover plus kerb line space have not constricted the road width. In residential areas, footpath width of about 2.00 mts is good enough.

I wonder if enough time is spent in the offices and on drawing boards to conceive plans and towards logical execution or just that funds are available and something is done without due thought process.

—V. N. Prasad,
Highways Designer
and Project Management
Consultant

Mysuru
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COVID-free Village Karnataka Project

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatan conducts regional seminar for volunteers

Aims to reach 30,000 villages

Mysuru, Sept.27- A regional seminar for volunteers on COVID-free Village Karnataka Project initiated by Bharatiya Jain Sanghatan (BJS) in association with Government of Karnataka was held on Saturday last at Platinum Jubilee Auditorium in JK Grounds here.

Founder and Past National President of BJS Shantilal Mutha of Pune briefed about the project and informed that institutions like Satva Foundation, IIM, Jain University, Bharatesh Group of Institutions, NSS and other NGOs across the State have joined their hands to make Karnataka a COVID-free State.

He said that this pilot Project initiated to check COVID's third wave from the grassroot-level aims to reach 30,000 villages across Karnataka.

BJS National President Rajendra Lunkar of Erode briefed about the roles and responsibilities of the volunteers. National Secretary Goutham Bafna of Hubballi called upon the volunteers to contribute and dedicate themselves for this noble cause.

National Executive Committee Member Omprakash Lunavat of Bengaluru administered oath to volunteers. Past President of BJS Mysuru Prakash Srisrimaal briefed about the activities of BJS.

BJS Mysuru President Vimal Pitaliya welcomed. Regional President Prakash Gulecha proposed a vote of thanks. Past Regional President Ashok Salecha, Secretary Kanthilal Gulecha, State Committee Member Rajan Baghmar, Regional Secretary Sukhraj Vinayakiya, BJS Mysuru Secretary Nisha Jain and Project Co-ordinator Abhishek Singavi felicitated the dignitaries.

Members Jay Salecha, Deepak Bohra, Manohar Sankhla, Prakash Gandhi, Praveen Lunkar, Nemichand Badola, Dinesh N. Dak contributed for the programme, while Registration Committee included members of Youth Wing Nikhil Vohra, Dhruv Ratho, Ishika Jain, Abhishek Gulecha, Prachi Jain, Komal Jain, Archie Jain, Dixit Bhandari and Lalith Jain.

President of Shri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh Tejraj Nangavath, Sri Jain Terapant Sabha's Shantilal Katariya, Sumatinath Jain Moortipujak Sangh's Bherumal Rathod, Digamber Jain Samaj's M.R.Sunil Kumar, volunteers from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Hassan, Mandya and Ramanagara districts were present.

Now register online for voter list inclusion

Mysuru, Sept.27- Following directions from the Election Commission of India, the District Administration has launched the voter list revision drive, which is currently going on in the city and the district.

As a convenience to members of the public, the Election Commission has developed VHA App, which can be made use of by newly eligible voters or others for inclusion of their names in electoral rolls, exclusion of names, correction of names and address, polling booth information or in respect of any other electoral list related issues.

The members of the public are required to download VHA App from their mobile phones through Play Store for including their names, change of address, corrections etc., according to a press release issued by the Office of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner.

Free Infertility Camp and

Fellowship at Siri Caree IVF Centre

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Siri Caree IVF Centre, Nazarbad, Mysuru, as part of its fifth anniversary celebrations, is conducting a free fertility camp for all childless couples on Sept.30, Oct.1 and Oct. 2 at its premises.

The camp includes free fertility screening of both the couples, free consultation, counselling and semen analysis.

A special package on fertility treatments IUI / IVF can be availed by those enrolled in the camp.

Siri Caree IVF Centre, established in the year 2016, is also running a College to train embryologists with M.Sc., degree in Embryology affiliated to University of Mysore and Fellowship in Fertility Medicine by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

For details contact Ph: 0821 2444451, according to a press release.

NCC Cadets take part in Fit India Freedom Run 2.0

Mysuru, Sept.27- As part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, NCC Headquarters, Mysuru, had organised Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 in city on Saturday.

Cadets of NCC Group Mysuru participated in the event covering a distance of 3 kms to commemorate the celebration of 75 years of Independence.

Group Headquarters, Group Commander Colonel R.R. Menon inaugurated the event by waving the flag. AO Ashuthosh Devrani,13 Kar, Col. Parag Mukherjee, CO 1 Kar Engr, CTO M. Mamatha Prasad, permanent staff of army, along with 50 cadets from various Colleges participated in this event.

The run started from old DC Office and concluded at Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Book release

The book 'Vachana Prashnottara' authored by senior critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy will be released by Dr. Basavaraja Kalgudi, researcher and critic, at a programme to be held at Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) premises, Manasagangothri, at 11 am tomorrow, under the aegis of Sri Basaveshwara Social Change, Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Chintana Chittara, Mysuru. Dr. M.G. Manjunath, Director, KIKS, will preside.

Valedictory of Hindi Fortnight

Veteran Hindustani singer, art critic and writer Dr. Manik A.V. Bengeri from Mysuru will be the chief guest during the valedictory of the Hindi Fortnight celebration to be held at 3 pm on Sept. 28 at the office of the Chief Post Master General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru.

Naath Competition

The office bearers of Minhaj-ul-Quran International India, Karnataka, Mysuru Branch, has organised Mysuru District-level Naath Competition-2021 (Phrases of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) for boys only in the age limit of 14 to 21 years, as part of Eid Meelad-un-Nabi at Anjuman-e-Ithehad-ul-Islam Building, Sawday Road, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru. The first round will be conducted on Oct. 10. Last date for registration to participate in the competition is Oct. 8. For details, contact Mob:98805-26347, 93416-06601, 99452-47862, 90087-10521, 90352-94527.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	113.62 feet
Inflow	:	4,899 cusecs
Outflow	:	7,805 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,281.48 feet
Inflow	:	1,257 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,700 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,857.83 feet
Inflow	:	470 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,450 cusecs

MCC's Safai Mithra Challenge
Health Week begins with Marathon

Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna (centre) flagging off the Marathon for Pourakarmikas in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace organised by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as part of 'Safai Mithra Challenge Health Week.' Mayor Sunanda Palanetra and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy are also seen. Picture right shows participants during a warm up session.

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (MTY&KS)- As part of Safai Mithra Challenge Health Week, the UGD Division of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had organised a Marathon for Pourakarmikas in city yesterday.

About 300 Pourakarmikas took part in the Marathon, which was flagged off by Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace.

The participants passed through K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Old RMC Circle, Maulana Abul Kalam Circle (Highway Circle) and reached Torchlight Parade Grounds at Bannimantap.

Speaking on the occasion, before flagging off the Marathon, Shivanna said that there was a request for remittance of salaries of Pourakarmikas of UGD Division directly to their Bank accounts and added that he had discussed the same at the Government-level with the State Government's Chief Secretary and the salaries would be deposited to the Bank accounts soon.

Though the Government has banned manual scavenging, the same was taking place at some places which is wrong, he said and added that there is a need to create awareness about it.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, who also spoke on the occasion, said that the role of Pourakarmikas is very much needed for Mysuru to bag the 'Cleanest City in India' tag and added that MCC was ready to solve the problems faced by the Pourakarmikas of the UGD Division.

As part of the Health Week, the MCC UGD Division has organised the following programmes for Pourakarmikas in association with Namma Mysuru, State Bank of India (SBI), Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club, Suyog Hospital and Swastha Yoga:

Sept. 28 - Pranayama Workshop at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium (6.30 am and 10 am); **Sept. 29 -** Health camp at Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) in Yadavagiri between 9 am and 3 pm; **Sept. 30** - First-Aid Training at Town Hall between 4 pm and 7 pm; Programme on integration with health schemes at Town Hall between 4 pm and 7 pm.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MCC Works Standing Committee Chairman Sathyaraju, Finance Standing Committee Chairperson Shobha Sunil, Corporator Shivakumar, Deputy Commissioner (Development) Mahesh, UGD Division Executive Engineer K.J. Sindhu, Junior Engineer T.G. Nagaraje Gowda, AEEs Dhanush and Mahesh, Engineers Sowmya, Meghana, S.L. Ravikumar and others were present.

Pourakarmika woman inaugurates Pure Drinking Water Unit

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SBD&KS)- A pure drinking water unit, installed at KHB Colony, Kuvempunagar, in MCC Ward No. 57, was inaugurated by a Pourakarmika woman yesterday.

The drinking water unit, which has been installed using the 14th Finance Commission Grant, was inaugurated by Pourakarmika Uma in the presence of Corporator M.C. Ramesh, BJP Booth-level President, Secretary and other Pourakarmikas.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh said that the pure drinking water unit was inaugurated as part of 'Seva Divas,' on the occasion of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's birth anniversary celebration.

Pointing out that Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya was an Indian politician and thinker of right-wing Hindutva ideology espoused by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and leader of the political party Bharatiya Jana Sangh, Corporator Ramesh said that Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's wish was to see even the lowest strata of the society to come to the mainstream and hence, the drinking water unit was inaugurated by a Pourakarmika woman.

He said that because of the tireless work by the Pourakarmikas, his Ward was clean and he is receiving a lot of appreciations from the residents.

On the occasion, rice bags were distributed to the security staff of the Main MCC Office.

Woman goes missing

R. Shruthi

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (KS)- A 23-year-old woman, who left her house on Sept. 20, saying that she was going to a shop along with her son, has since gone missing.

The missing woman is R. Shruthi, wife of Chandrashekar.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Saraswathipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418123/ 2418323 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Police Station.

Unidentified man dies

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found lying sick near Kantharaj Park on Sawday Road at about 6.30 am on Sept. 24 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has breathed his last at the hospital at about 4.05 pm on the same day.

The deceased is aged about 65 years, 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced wheatish complexioned, normal built, has a mole near the left side of his abdomen and was wearing a full arm checks shirt when found. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313/ 513 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Jayamma

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Jayamma (95), wife of late Cheluvachar and a resident of Kumbarakoppal, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind five sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kumbarakoppal Burial Grounds, according to family sources.

Rajyotsava Award

Recommend names of achievers online before Oct.15: Minister

Bengaluru, Sept. 27 (KMS& DM)- In a paradigm shift concerning Rajyotsava Awards, the State Government has evolved a plan as per which members of the public can recommend the names of achievers for this year's Rajyotsava Award.

Announcing this at Bengaluru on Saturday, Kannada and Culture Minister Sunil Kumar said Government will also consider names of those achievers who have not applied for the Award.

Pointing out that people can recommend names of achievers to Rajyotsava Award Selection Panel, he said 66 personalities will be honoured this year.

Noting that the public can recommend three names along with their profiles in a single application form through Seva Sindhu portal, Sunil Kumar said that a special application format has been prepared for the purpose.

Stating that people can recommend names along with the profile of achievers containing complete details and address, he said that all the application forms received through Seva Sindhu portal will be forwarded to the expert panel.

Maintaining that panel members will thoroughly scrutinise all application forms complete in all respects and select the achievers, he said that this process means that awardees are selected directly by the people.

Barring sports category, achievers in other fields must be aged over 60 years, he said adding that the last date for recommendation of names of achievers is Oct.15.

Jumbo weight training picks up pace at Palace

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (MTY&BCT)- The weight training for Dasara elephants inside the Mysore Palace premises has picked up pace in stages and the Forest Department is mounting weight on the elephants identified as future *Ambari* carriers. Tuskers are being trained as a back-up in case of some last-minute changes.

The mighty Abhimanyu is set to carry the 750-kg Golden Howdah during the *Jumboo Savari* and the pachyderm has successfully carried sandbags weighing 700 kg with ease. The weight training started last week and the authorities are training the jumbos in three cycles. In the first cycle, Abhimanyu was given weight training and in the second and third day cycle, Dhananjaya and Gopalaswamy carried sandbags.

Also in line was Ashwathama, a promising elephant that is participating in the festivities for the first time. Even he has responded well to weight training exercise. Training began with 275 kg and weights were increased gradually to 500 and 700 kg. The elephants are later made to walk 3 kms carrying weight and 3.5 kms without weight as part of the daily routine.

As a back-up for Abhimanyu, Dhananjaya and Gopalaswamy are being trained to carry the 750-kg Howdah and according to Forest Department officers, both the junior elephants are discharging their duties perfectly.

From Oct. 1, wooden replica of *Ambari* will be mounted on Abhimanyu and this will weigh 280 kgs. Sandbags, Gaadi and Namdah together will weigh 1,000 kg and this training will help Abhimanyu to effortlessly carry the 750-kg Howdah, said officials.

A special diet is being fed to the elephants to improve their strength and enable them to cope up with the strenuous routine. Nearly 80 percent of an elephant's day is spent in feeding and they eat roughly 10 percent of their body weight in food every day. So, about 360 kg of food is required daily for an elephant weighing 3,500 kg. As Abhimanyu weighs more than 5,000 kgs, he needs to eat 500 kgs per day. They are fed twice a day and their intake has been increased from 8 kg to 15 kg a day.

Also, 400-500 kg of peepal tree leaves, paddy straw and other green fodder are given daily. Their health is under close watch and the veterinarians' team is monitoring the diet, food intake and also digestive aspects.

21-round gun salute within a minute

- Cannon firing dry run set in motion
- Firing drill rehearsal at Palace on Sept. 30

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (MTY&BCT)- Preparing for cannon firing, an integral part of Dasara, personnel drawn from various Police Departments of the city conducted a dry run yesterday at the Mysore Palace premises.

The dry run is important to ensure that there are no mistakes while firing the cannons on the day of *Vijayadashami* when VIPs, elephants and guests are present in the galleries.

The tradition of cannon firing — 21-round gun salute — during Dasara was started centuries ago and the Wadiyars have led the rituals and it is a way of conveying respect to the regal lineage. Even after independence and abolition of the Privy Purse, the tradition continued using the same guns that were used for the ceremony for ages.

The Wadiyars of Mysore are among the very few royal families of India who get this honour and at present, the 21-round gun salute is given to Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysuru whose idol is placed inside the Golden Howdah atop the caparisoned Dasara led elephant during *Jumboo Savari.*

On the day of *Vijayadashami,* cannons are fired 21 times outside the Palace Fort to signal the beginning of *Jumboo Savari,* which marks the Dasara finale.

As part of the dry run, these cannons are taken out annually for the ritual and a step-by-step practice is followed as per the established tradition where the cannons are first oiled and cleaned for a couple of days. Later, the cannons along with the carts are brought to the open ground for practicing the gunpowder loading and the actual firing process.

Cannons were paraded and the Policemen refreshed their memories on cleaning the cannons, steps to be followed including the assembling of the cannon and security measures that have to be adopted while filling the gun powder and the process of igniting the fire.

Seven cannons were used for practice, mainly to build confidence about the timing and the process of firing. Each cannon will have to fire three rounds. On the *Vijayadashami Day,* as the National Anthem is played, cannons are fired in the backdrop and the whole process should conclude within 60 seconds.

After the cannon firing drill, all the eight Dasara elephants led by Howdah elephant Abhimanyu were taken near the cannons to familiarise them with the smell. Later, the elephants will be acclimatised with the sound of firing, to avoid any chaos on *Jumboo Savari Day* if the elephants panic.

To prevent the jumbos from getting nervous, the rehearsal of cannon gunfire is conducted three to four times in the run-up to the Dasara finale every year. This year, cannon firing practice will take place on Sept. 30 near the Varaha Gate of the Mysore Palace.

Ex-Mayor demands effective measures to recover property tax dues

B.L. Bhyrappa

Mysuru, Sept.27 (MTY&DM)- Expressing concern over mounting property tax and water tax dues, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa has urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to take effective measures for recovery of dues.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Friday, Bhyrappa said citizens owe property tax and water tax dues that amount to tens of crores of rupees, which has become a cause of concern for the civic body's recovery efforts.

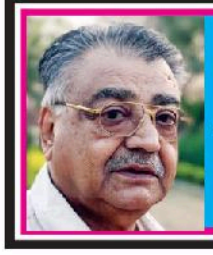
Appealing the defaulter citizens to pay their tax dues and thus help the MCC for carrying out development works, Bhyrappa said that the MCC authorities must plug all loopholes in tax recovery plans.

Pointing out that the MCC used to have senior grade KAS Officers as Commissioners, he said that this practice has now changed with the appointment of IAS Officers to the post.

Regretting that State Officers are being ignored for the sake of IAS Officers, which has led to some problems at the local level, he maintained that there are some lacunae in both the offline and online modes of tax payment, which needs to be addressed at the earliest.

The Mayor too must be in constant touch with the MCC Commissioner as regards the ways and means for recovery of dues that have only been mounting over the years, he added.

Contending that most tax-payers do not know the criteria or the factors involved in computation of taxes, he said that the MCC staff must be responsive to the plight of citizens visiting the offices.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Recalling a plague epidemic of 1907 in times of COVID-19 pandemic

Coronavirus, the COVID-19, had taken its toll of human beings all over this planet earth since 2019 and presently threatening to enter its III Phase, as experts call, to attack the children too... Mercifully our scientists have come up with an effective (almost) vaccination to contain the pandemic — immunisation by vaccination. But this should be followed by the standard protocol — wear the mask, keep social distance and sanitise your hands. Hopefully by the end of this year, the scourge may come to pass.

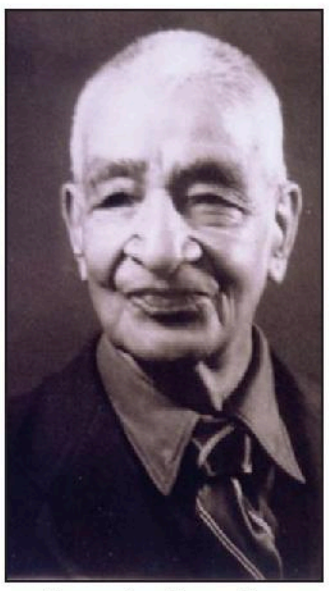
In the beginning of 20th century, the Maharaja of Mysore Kingdom too had to face unusual challenges of dealing with a plague epidemic caused by rats. One **Navaratna Rama Rao,** who had joined the Princely State of Mysore as an *Amildar* in charge of Yedatore taluk and was resident at T. Narasipur in 1907, had to deal with a plague epidemic that struck several towns and villages across the taluk.

It appears remedies like disinfecting the houses and killing as many rats as possible are worthwhile goals, but their effectiveness was limited. Fleas that carry the infection cannot be totally eliminated and killing rats too was never easy. The options available were two — 1) Persuade the village families to leave their homes for a temporary camp for the duration of the epidemic. 2) Persuade them to take vaccination for immunisation.

The Government, the *Amildar,* provided land and materials for relocating the villagers but they were adamant. They refused vaccination, not at the prompting of any politician, like it happened in India in the 21st century!

For example, in the village Alagodahalli, near Narasipur, the villagers were devotees of the *Grama Devata,* the village deity known as **Alagodamma.** Its priest was one **Hotte Mada Nayaka.** His daughter **Kempa Nanjamma** was an important person.

The villagers believed her to be the **medium** through which their Goddess Alagodamma



Navaratna Rama Rao

spoke like an Oracle and advised them on important matters. On all issues of importance, whether it is personal or concerning the community as a whole, Kempa Nanjamma as an Oracle had the last word.

The scourge of plague persisted vengefully. Rats began to fall dead in the houses and seen in hundreds in the barns of Alagodahalli. But *Amildar* Navaratna Rama Rao's advise or the order fell on deaf ears. **The villagers wanted the permission of their Goddess Alagodamma!**

Having heard this from the villagers, the wise *Amildar* said:

"You are right you cannot leave your Goddess without asking her first. Therefore, ask her and do as she orders."

Villagers agreed. Following Friday was chosen to seek the advice of the Goddess and arrangements were made to worship her and appeal to this Goddess through their medium Kempa Nanjamma. They invited the *Amildar* too to attend the service and offer prayers.

This was a Godsend opportunity for the *Amildar* to play his role to get the villagers to follow the Government's advice.

On Thursday, a day before the event, the *Amildar* learnt that the Chief Priest Mada Nayaka and his Oracle of a daughter Kempa Nanjamma were in Narasipur. He asked them to go over and see him to discuss about the worship of the Goddess. They do. Here is an interesting as much as intelligent dialogue between the Amildar and Kempa Nanjamma, after the initial courtesy of platitudes.

Amildar: Your Goddess is like the mother to your people of the village.

Kempa Nanjamma: Yes, it is true.

Amildar: Goddess Alagodamma comes on you and speaks through you to the people.

Kempa Nanjamma: Yes, it is also true.

Amildar: Being like the mother to her people she will only tell what is good for them.

Kempa Nanjamma: Yes, it is true.

Amildar: If so, Alagodamma will surely tell her people to heed my advice — get inoculated and camp outside the village until the epidemic passes. She will certainly NOT tell them to stay in the village and die like rats.

Kempa Nanjamma: Yes, it is possible. Goddess may give advice. But how can I know what Goddess will tell me, Saheba.

Amildar: But you speak for her.

Kempa Nanjamma: Yes, but does not Goddess know what is good for her people? If the Goddess tells them to go to the camp, they must. And hold their prayers and festivals in the camp. They also must build a small temple for her in the camp.

Amildar did not say anything further, but knew what the Oracle would say.

The Friday worship began. A crowd of over 500 had gathered. Kempa Nanjamma appeared in the semi-darkness of the temple, she was seated on the floor with a heap of vermilion powder in front. She seemed to be in a trance, with eyes half-closed, her body swirling and head moving slowly in a circular orbit. It was rather a weird sight. Beating of the drum was constant. As soon as *Amildar* entered, someone called out loud and clear for the hearing of Kempa Nanjamma, the Oracle: "Subedar is here, Mother."

By now she was sweating profusely with *kumkum* and grey ash smeared all over her body. She looked like a person possessed. She began to utter her 'divine revelation.' But the *Amildar* was relieved when she began to speak clearly and distinctly.

The Goddess (Kempa Nanjamma) spoke: My children, you have called me and I am here. What do you want from me, Subedar?

The wise and intelligent Amildar appeared with humility before the Goddess and humbly said:

"Great Mother, I may be the Subedar to the people. But, for you I am just a servant following your commands. I am a devotee like others. We are here assembled before you as supplicants. Please help us. What crime have we committed to deserve this plague? What will make it go away? Why are you so angry with us? What should we do to get back your blessings and favour again?

The clever woman that Kempa Nanjamma was she spoke being 'possessed' of the Goddess.

"I called you Subedar only to test your mind, your devotion to me (Goddess)."

Then, turning towards the congregation, the Oracle said:

"You people of my village! You have ignored me and my temple for many days... so I brought this plague to teach you a lesson. Now worship your Goddess and leave this town and go to the camp in the grove by the side of the Moogur Road. And take the medicine that the Subedar gives you. DO NOT defy my instructions. You will be cured of the plague."

After pronouncing this message, Kempa Nanjamma went into a swoon and collapsed as the Goddess had left her person. Soon people got themselves inoculated and in time plague ended.

Remembering this, let us not despair about Corona pandemic. It too will come to pass sooner than later with the help of vaccine for immunisation.

NOTE: Sourced from the book *'The Vanished Raj'* by Navaratna Rama Rao.

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Mata Amritanandamayi Devi's 68th birthday celebrations today

Thiruvananthapuram/Kollam, Sept. 27 (UNI) - The 68th birthday of spiritual guru **Mata Amritanandamayi Devi,** known to her devotees as *Amma* and most famously referred internationally as "hugging saint," is being celebrated at Amritapuri Ashram in Karunagappally, Kollam, today.

"The birthday celebrations were restricted due to COVID-19 pandemic. We we will be unable to gather at Amritapuri or other centres. Therefore, we celebrate Amma's 68th birthday as a day of prayer and selfless service, observing spiritual practices at 6 pm," Ashram sources said.

"Nature's fury continues unabated and humankind continues to witness not only the Coronavirus pandemic, but also other diseases, natural disasters and human conflicts. Here, what is the solution? We need to purify our thoughts and actions," Amma said in a message.

"The negative thoughts that fill the human mind and the selfish, harmful actions that result from them are deadlier than even biological or nuclear weapons. The atmosphere has become polluted with such thoughts and actions," Amma added.

"The need of the hour is to ensure our lives are established in the eternal principles of *Sanātana Dharma,* which our ancient sages has passed down to us," the Spiritual Guru said.

Mata Amritanandamayi Devi would take part in special prayers for world peace at Amritapuri Ashram today. The Guru *Paduka Puja* will be performed in the evening, the sources added.

Man dies after falling from moped

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RK&KS)- A moped rider died after falling from his moped near Alagaiahna Hundi on Bannur Road yesterday night.

The deceased is Mahadeva (32), a roadside fruit vendor in city and a resident of Moodalahundi in the taluk.

Mahadeva, after closing his business for the day, was proceeding towards his home on his TVS moped and when he neared Alagaiahna Hundi at about 11.45 pm, he is said to have lost control of his moped and fell down. Mahadeva, who suffered serious head injuries reportedly died on the spot.

Varuna Sub-Inspector Lakshmi and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

No helicopter rides this Dasara

But Bengaluru aviation firm offers heli taxi for tourists to Kodagu, Kabini

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (Akshay& BCT)- In all probabilities, there will be no helicopter rides this Dasara like the previous years where the tourists could hop into choppers to get a bird's eye view of all the iconic places in Mysuru including the famous Mysore Palace and the Chamundi Hill at affordable rates.

Confirming this to *Star of Mysore*, Assistant Director of Tourism Department H.B. Raghavendra said that this will be a simple Dasara and helicopter rides are not on the platter.

Helicopter ride is an attractive feature for Dasara and it first started in 2016 through 'Agasadhinda Mysuru' which gave tourists and residents an opportunity to tour Mysuru in a helicopter. The ride started from the Lalitha Mahal Helipad and covered the whole city in 10 to 15 minutes. Six people (excluding the pilot) could sit at a time in the chopper.

During this ten-minute aerial tour, one could view most of the tourist spots including the Mysore Palace, bus stands, Chamundi Hill, Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Kukkarahalli Lake, Crawford Hall, Railway Station, Jaganmohan Palace, Karanji Lake, Exhibition Grounds, Manasagangothri campus and other prominent tourist spots across city.

The rides continued in 2017, 2018 and 2019 but were dropped last year due to COVID outbreak. This year too, this will be dropped and according to sources the Mysuru district administration has no intention of introducing the same to the tourists. Till now, the process should have begun but there is no news from the authorities, sources added.

One of the choppers of Chipsan Aviation at Madikeri Golf Club.

Trips to Kodagu, Kabini

Meanwhile, private chartered helicopter companies are continuing to operate choppers to tourist destinations including Kabini, Bandipur and also Kodagu. One such chopper owned by Chipsan Aviation landed at Jungle Mount Helipad Kakkabbe village in Kodagu yesterday and the trip carried some tourists to a resort from Bengaluru. On the return journey, the chopper carried passengers from Golf Club Madikeri to Bengaluru.

Chipsan Aviation offers Heli Tourism and air-experience rides and also operates VVIP flying and heliport management services. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, company Managing Director Sunil Narayan said that they have been operating chartered chopper rides from Bengaluru to Kodagu and Mysuru since 2012.

"Before COVID, we used to get one or two trips per year and now after the pandemic, we are getting at least three trips to Kodagu and Mysuru per month. Tourists are opting for heli rides for quick transport," he said.

It takes 1.10 hours to fly from Bengaluru to Kodagu and Rs. 2,24,000 is charged for five passengers. "It is for a one-sided trip and in the return journey, we take different passengers. We pool in guests as per the dates and their convenience and a package is worked out based on guest enquiries," he said.

Sunil Narayan further said that he has no idea about the State Government's ambitious heli-tourism project and when it will take off. "In the past, we had operated helicopter rides for Mysuru Dasara and this year too we are ready, but so far we have not got any communication from the Government," he added.

Tourists welcomed with sweets, flowers

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When reporters posed more questions, Yaduveer told them that the Mysore Palace Board would give more details on the Golden Throne restrictions and also regarding rumours that the famed and traditional 'Vajramushti Kalaga' would be cancelled this time too.

He, however, welcomed the tourist arrival after a long gap. "Mysuru tourism sector is recovering and people are slowly becoming confident of visiting places of tourist interest. Vaccination and awareness has increased the confidence levels," he said.

Federation of Organisations and Associations President B.S. Prashanth urged the State Government to reserve a major percentage of the seats of this year's *Jumboo Savari* exclusively for tourists.

"The Palace can accommodate more than 2,000 people and year-on-year, the VIP places are always occupied by politicians and their followers. This year, tourists and the people who drive the country's travel industry must get a chance to watch the event from a close range. This can help immensely in promoting tourism that has been badly hit," he said.

Taking objection to the State Government's move to shift four elephants from Mysore Palace, Prashanth said that the Forest Department must desist from doing so. "Palace and elephants have a bond and the Government is breaking it which is not a good sign. The Government, instead of splurging money on unnecessary things, must fund the Mysore royal family to take care of the elephants instead of shifting them to Gujarat," he added.

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Assistant Director of Tourism Department H.B. Raghavendra, Mysuru Travels Association President C.A. Jayakumar, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, World Tourism Day Celebration Committee Chairman A.N. Aiyanna and others were present.

Bharat Bandh: Lukewarm response in city

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Barring some shops in the Central Business District (CBD) which had voluntarily closed down, a majority of shops and commercial establishments remained open as usual at K.R. Circle, D.Devaraj Urs Road, Makkaji Chowk, Gandhi Square, Old Bank Road and Shivarampet.

KSRTC and private buses operated near to normal, while other public transport and goods vehicles plied as usual. Schools, Colleges, Banks, Post Offices, Central establishments, Hospitals, Medical Shops, Petrol Bunks, Hotels and Restaurants remained open.

In Karnataka, the Opposition Congress and JD(S) too had extended their support to the bandh, apart from a host of farmer, trade unions, labour associations and Dalit organisations.

With the bandh evoking a lukewarm response, the city witnessed an almost normal life with vehicular and public movement remaining as usual. Tourist spots in and outside the city and temples remained open.

Ahead of the bandh, hundreds of members of different organisations such as CPI, AITUC, KRRS, DSS, INTUC, AAP (Aam Admi Party) gathered at the Town Hall at about 6.30 am to chalk out the strategies for ensuring the success of the bandh. Protestors marched in a procession to Sub-Urban Bus Stand and blocked the entry and exit gates. As a result, KSRTC services were disrupted for a couple of hours.

They also formed a human chain near the bus stand and tried to have breakfast there itself. But the Police, who were present in large numbers at the spot, counselled the protestors following which they marched back to the Town Hall.

After having breakfast there, they resumed their march, carrying placards and raising slogans against the Central and State Governments and passed through the main thoroughfares of the CBD, appealing the shop keepers to shut down.

When they continued their procession towards the Deputy Commissioner's Office, they were stopped near Ramaswamy Circle by the Police, citing law and order problems.

Earlier, addressing the protestors near Sub-Urban Bus Stand, social activist P. Mallesh urged the Centre to repeal the three farm laws, which he said, sounded a death knell to farming community. He also warned of launching a massive movement across the country if the demand was not met forthwith.

Hoskote Basavaraj, Jagadish Soorya, Ugranarasimhegowda, Mohan Kumar Gowda, P. Marankaiah, Chandrashekar Meti, Sandhya, Choranahalli Shivanna and others representing various organisations, Malavika Gubbivani of Aam Admi Party and others took part in the protest.

Meanwhile, farmers under the banner of Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association too took out a separate march from Gun House to the DC Office. The farmers blocked the ever-busy Mysuru-Nanjangud Road near Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, for over an hour, which disrupted vehicular movement.

Marching in procession from Gun House, the farmers raised slogans against the Central and State Governments. As they marched in front of the MCC Office on Sayyaji Rao Road in a bid to enter the city bus stand for stopping movement of buses, the Police stopped them near the MCC Office. As they insisted on entering the city bus stand, the protestors, led by farmer leader Attahalli Devaraj, were taken into custody by the Police and shifted in a Police vehicle to faraway CAR Grounds, from where they would be let off later in the day.

In another protest, farmers belonging to Vidyasagar faction of KRRS too took out a procession from Gun House to the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The protestors cooked food near the DC Office and had lunch there itself.

City Police had made elaborate security arrangements. The Bharat Bandh passed off peacefully with no untoward incidents when we went to the press.

Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

By **S.B.S. Surendra**, Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Transforming Space

Feng meaning Wind (pronounced as Fung) and Shui meaning Water (pronounced as Shway) are the two energies, which symbolise all the other energies existing in the universe.

Proportion deals with measurements, without which there can be no form. Authentic Vastu and Feng Shui relate to mathematical calculations, which comprise the fabric of the universe, and they have a direct proportion to all things in the universe.

Prior to understanding Feng Shui, we need to understand the energy and earth relationship or in other words GEOMANCY. Geo means earth and mancy means divination. In simpler terms Geomancy is the practice of working with the energies of the earth.

However, working with earth energies can also be a part of everyday auspicious sitting — from town planning to domestic arrangements. An important part of choosing a suitable site is considering the energy that lies beneath it — preferably finding beneficial, and also avoiding and curing harmful. The popularised term geopathic stress describes the negative effect of exposure to harmful earth energies.

Geo mancy enables us to identify what is known as Geo Pathos. Geo — earth pathos — suffering, disease. Such energies may be natural global grids and their crossings, or arise from earth fault lines, mineral deposits and underground water courses. Trauma to the earth such as excavation, mining, building, even battlefields can also result in disrupted harmful energy.

Feng Shui is not a religious practice or a belief but Feng Shui, in its simplest form, is the practice of placing or arranging objects within a space so that they are pleasing to you and naturally support you within the context of that space. Feng Shui takes into consideration the conscious and unconscious associations you may have with the space and the objects and their placements within it.

This is accomplished by combining an ancient divination tool with simple psychology. An artful combination of the two is where the real work of Feng Shui practitioner comes in.

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Through the ages, Feng Shui has evolved into a tool to finetune our aspirations in life. Wealth, Health, Fame, Career and Love are the essential and integral part of our daily life and Feng Shui enhances the prospects of these specific needs.

All relationships are based on a fine balance of understanding, co-operation, mutual adjustment, trust, love and compassion. When one of them is imbalanced, the relationship does not sustain. The place of dwelling and our immediate surroundings have a great impact on our relationship, marriage prospects, love and romance.

When the areas of your home affecting your love life are cluttered, missing from your floor plan or suffering from "shar chi" (harmful energy, chi meaning energy and shar meaning bad), it can be difficult to find and maintain a good relationship and marriage prospects diminish.

If the energy in the relationship power spots in your home is blocked or weak, you may feel tired, depressed, unable to focus, hampered in your efforts to connect with a potential partner. Where chi flows too strongly, you may feel out of control, overly emotional, or anxious much of the time. Communication becomes more difficult and relationships can feel unstable.

In short, Feng Shui could transform and improve your space and in turn, the quality of life to make you work better, think better and live better.

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A person who helps others will become successful in life: GTD

*'Rajendra Shree Award' being conferred on (sitting from left) **BBMP retd. Engineer Ln. K. Devegowda, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha District President D.T. Prakash and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former President Maddikere Gopal, by MLA G.T. Devegowda during the Basava Jayanti-2021 celebrations organised by Mysuru Sharana Mandali at Sri Rajendra Auditorium in JSS Hospital premises on Saturday.***

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SPN&AK)- "A person with humanity, patience and helping nature towards others will become successful in life," said MLA G.T. Devegowda. He was addressing the gathering at Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Shree Award Ceremony held at Sri Rajendra Auditorium in JSS Hospital premises as part of Basava Jayanti-2021 celebrations organised by Mysuru Sharana Mandali on Saturday.

"Many tried to block my way when I was struggling in life, yet I helped those people after becoming politician. I don't keep grudge against anyone, people who become rich overnight will suffer later in their lives. So a person should develop the character of helping others in difficult times. From the time I was a Gram Panchayat (GP) President to till date, I have never did partiality with the development of villages which did not vote for me. I have worked towards the development of every village under my constituency," he said.

He further explained on how he got the Cabinet approval for Rs. 379 crore project for the development of UGD, Parks and Layouts which comes under MUDA.

Expressing grief over the demise of Kuppur Seer, the MLA urged people to follow the footsteps of the Seer who always helped the poor.

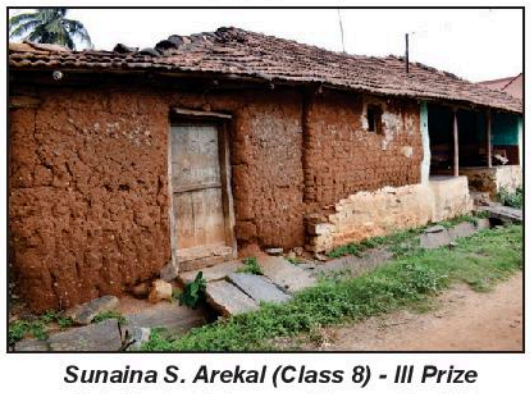
Rajendra Shree Award

The following persons were honoured with 'Rajendra Shree Award' on the occasion: Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, BBMP retd. Engineer Ln. K. Devegowda, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha District President D.T. Prakash.

Surya Simhasana Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Shivacharya Swamiji, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat Parishat President Helavarahundi Siddappa, State Government Employees Association former District President H.K. Ramu, Mysuru Dasti Education Institution Managing Director Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Mysuru Sharana Mandali President Mugur Nanjundaswamy and others were present during the programme.

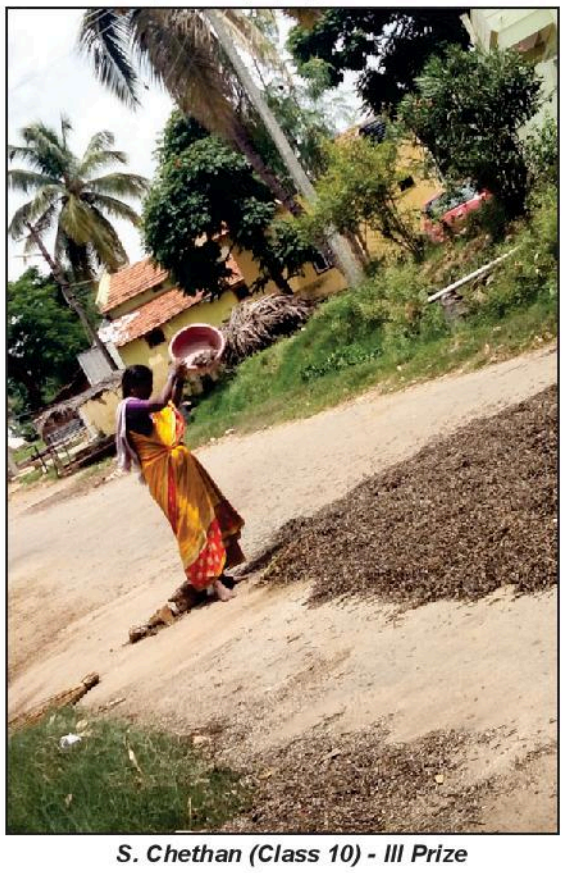
Winners of Photography Contest

Mysuru, Sept. 27- The following students of The Orchids Public School have secured prizes at the Inter-School Photography Competition held at JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru:



Sunaina S. Arekal (Class 8) - III Prize
Sub-Senior Category (Theme: Rustic)

Ridhi Kiran (Class 10) - II Prize
Senior Category (Theme: People at Work)



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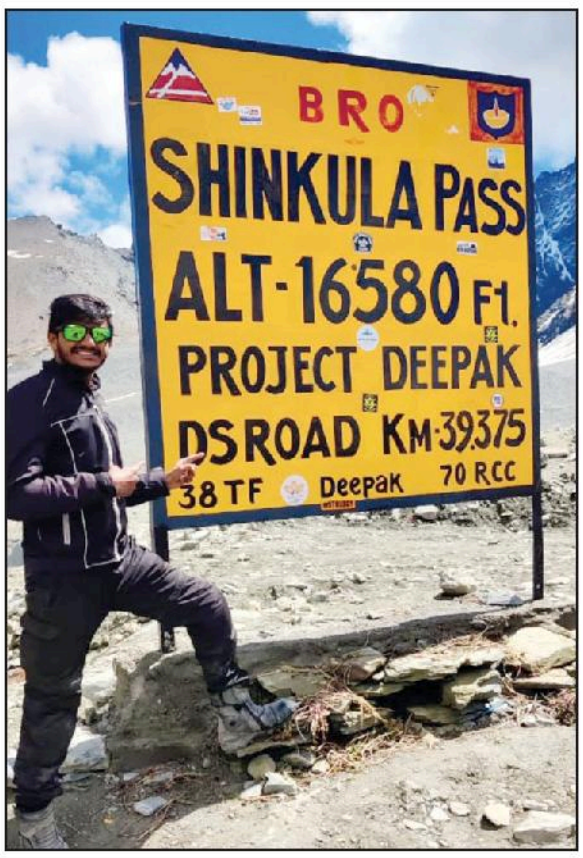
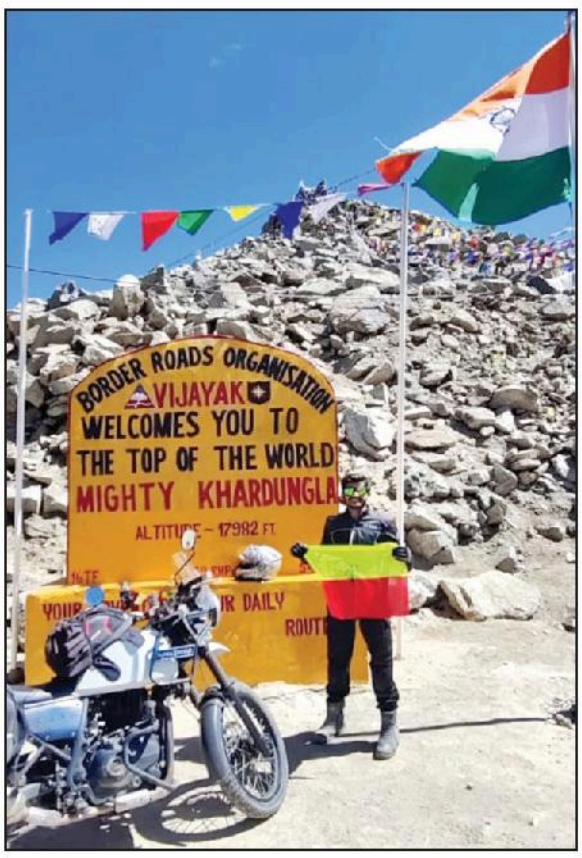
Wanderlust: Going Solo





Pic.1: ***Manjunath during the adventure trip clicked at Siachen Army Base Camp.*** *Pic.2:* ***Shinkula Pass in Zanskar Valley and*** *Pic.3:* ***Khardungla Top.***

By G. Amit Kumar

Working in a prestigious IT firm with a handsome salary package is the dream job for every techie. Goal accomplished. But not for this young techie from Mysuru who realised that his passion was something else, beyond the 9 to 5 job of coding and writing software programs.

He thinks nothing of hopping on his bike ready, in search of adventure. Once a software engineer, **T.G. Manjunath** indulges his wanderlust quite often and is an impulsive traveller at that. He is 26 and at work he missed something in life that is more valuable than working in a corporate set up.

He called it quits and chose to chase his dream — adventure and solo road trips. He has become a Hodophile who wishes to explore the new world out there. Since College days, Manjunath had a passion for bike rides, adventure and solo trips. In June this year, Manjunath bade goodbye to his job and a month later he was with his backpack.

He went on a solo adventure trip on his Himalayan Royal Enfield bike. On July 21, he began the adventure trip by visiting Mantralayam in Andhra Pradesh. Later he travelled towards Delhi, Agra, Amritsar, Wagah Border, Srinagar, Dalhousie (Himachal Pradesh), Zanskar Valley (Ladakh) and Siachen Base Camp.

Manjunath also discovered the new route in Zanskar Valley which is an isolated path towards the Trans Himalayan Region. The route which we took for Zanskar is: Jispa - Shinkula Pass - Padum - Zangla - Singe la Pass - Sisir la Pass - Wangla and from Wangla to Leh. This was a 40-day trip that covered 6,500 kms.

Nobody can discover the world for somebody else

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* about his experience of the adventure trip, Manjunath said, "I always knew working in software is not my cup of tea. I worked there due to parental pressure. I always wanted to explore new things in life and we have to discover the world which we want. No one else will do it for us."

He has been adventurous since College days and has participated in trekking, bike rallies and adventure sports. "I love riding bikes on killer roads which are the most dangerous routes in the world. This was my first long solo trip, which gave me the experience of a lifetime. Visiting Siachen Base Camp was a proud moment and I also visited the Zangla Monastery which is famous in the Zanskar Range. I had a thrilling experience while riding on Killar, Pangi Valley which is one of the dangerous routes," said Manjunath.

Highly influenced by 'Itchy Boots'

He has been a fan of 'Itchy Boots' videos on YouTube, a Dutch traveller Noraly Schoenmaker who is popularly

T.G. Manjunath

known as 'Itchy Boots', where she posts videos of her road trips. With over half a million followers tracking her trip around the world, she's become one of the genre's household names. Manjunath has been following her videos for three years and it highly influenced him to go on a solo trip.

Strangers became friends

"On the way to Ladakh I found three bikers like me — Tushaar, Shivesh and Imran — who were from Delhi. Then I joined their group and the trip became more adventurous and fun. I never thought I would make friends during my solo trip. Luckily strangers with the similar passion like me became friends. Sometimes travelling alone will offer you a bunch of surprises. Even today all three are in touch with me and planning for a reunion," he revealed.

Manjunath *(extreme right)* ***at Zangla Monastery in Zanskar Range at Ladakh.***

Wish to visit 'Death Road' in Bolivia

Manjunath has a dream of going on a trip to North Yungas Road, which is also called 'Death Road' in Bolivia. "This route usually goes by its more ominous moniker. Hairpin bends slice through thickly-forested mountain slopes and there are no guard rails to protect vehicles from the 600 metre drop. It is considered the world's most dangerous road," he said.

Manjunath further explained how people helped him with accommodation and guided him to reach his destination easily. Also he faced no restrictions in this time of pandemic. His story is inspiring to all those youngsters who want to follow their passion. "No matter what you do in life, it's never too late to follow your heart," he exclaimed.

Manjunath completed his solo adventure trip with the savings from his salary. Besides, many friends helped him when he fell short of money during the journey. Now after returning from the trip, Manjunath has a better future plan than working in IT Company. He wants to form an adventure bike club in the city, where he could organise adventure road trips and encourage young bikers towards adventure.

A resident of Kuvempunagar, Manjunath's family hails from Talakad. His father T.N. Gopalakrishna is an accountant in a temple while his mother Gayathri is a home-maker and sister is a teacher at a private school.

WORD OF THE DAY

Inchoate

Pronunciation: in-KOH-ut.
Meaning: Imperfectly formed or formulated.
Origin: Inchoate comes from inchoare, which means "to start work on" in Latin but translates literally as "to hitch up" (inchoare combines the prefix in- with the Latin noun cohum, which refers to the strap that secures a plow beam to a draft animal's yoke). The concept of this initial step toward the larger task of plowing a field explains how inchoate came to describe something (as a plan or idea) in its early, not fully formed, stages of development.
Example: "Petrifying sights and sounds haunt her nights and inchoate shadows hover around her." — Jeannette Catsoulis, The New York Times, 19 Aug. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Ichthyoid

Fishlike.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In the Buff

Meaning: To indicate that someone is naked.
Origin: Interestingly, the origin of the term 'in the buff' refers to a buff-colored coat of lightweight leather worn by English soldiers until the 17th century. Originally, being "in the buff" was a reference to wearing this coat. The latter meaning is an allusion to the color of light-brown to yellowish human skin, and was first seen in the 1602 work by Thomas Dekker, Satiro-mastix or the Untrussing of the Humorous Poet: "No, come my little cub, doe not scone mee because I go in Stage, in Buffe, heer's veluet too." At the time, "in stag" also meant "naked."
Example: "I was horribly embarrassed when I accidentally walked in on Peter while he was in the buff."

QUOTE BOX

I am a big movie buff. So, I make sure I watch two-three movies a week, not many because I don't want to get addicted. **—Smriti Mandhana**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Upright piano.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Attitude Director Indicator
4 Beast of burden
7 Lacking training or experience
10 The point or gist
11 A predatory seabird
13 Machete - "obol" change?
14 Training
16 Keen on
17 Listening to
19 Former Sri Lankan bowler Upul __
21 Required Time of Arrival
24 Sullen expression
25 Colloquial word for a genius?
27 Chlorates, carbonates, etc
29 Not hollow
30 Stick around, don't move (4,3)
33 Connects or secures to - especially in sailing
34 "It is" a verbal contraction
35 Greek maiden of legend
38 Enter uninvited
39 Uterus
42 It is "etc" in short
46 Mexican food
47 Not well done, chef!
48 Fishing ___ : angler's pole ?
49 Viper of Cleopatra fame
50 Radiation unit
51 Pygmalion, monogram

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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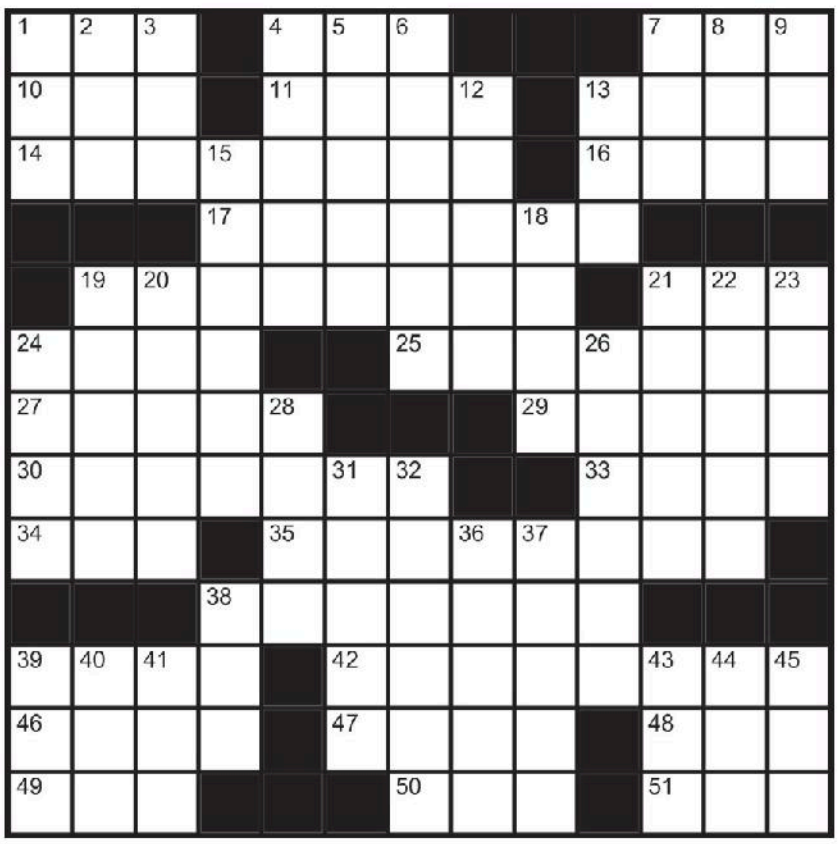
DOWN

1 Mandela's org.
2 Pair
3 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
4 With an ___ face : with a deathly pale face?
5 ___ the ball : hit the ball high up in the air?
6 Ice-cream dessert
7 Harry Potter's best friend
8 Space bar neighbour on the PC keyboard
9 Court
12 Maturing or growing old
13 Large in size
15 Loquacious
18 Horses that are worn-out, old, etc.
19 Raccoon relative
20 Swaying dances
21 Kindled once more?
22 Subarctic forest
23 Sums
24 "Hey, you!"
26 Large wasp
28 Stretch from side to side
31 Absolute
32 Teeth deposit
36 Profit, wealth
37 Revoke as a legacy
38 Nigerian tribe
39 International racqueteer gp.?
40 Org. of Amer. States
41 Mode Control Panel
43 A little work
44 Steal from
45 Automatic Dependent Surveillance



SUDOKU

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	4					5		
1				8			9	
					2			8
	2				1			4

Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	9	6	2	7	1	3	5
1	2	5	9	3	4	7	8	6
3	7	6	1	5	8	4	2	9
9	1	8	2	6	3	5	4	7
7	5	4	8	1	9	2	6	3
6	3	2	4	7	5	9	1	8
8	9	7	3	4	2	6	5	1
5	4	1	7	8	6	3	9	2
2	6	3	5	9	1	8	7	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Y FQJ'X EJQR YH VQF BAYLXL, GTX YX RQTOF GB

GBXXBI HQI NYL IBDTXSXYQJ YH NB FYFJ'X.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Words may show a man's wit but actions his meaning.

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- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Cindrella (Ta) - 4 shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 9900820093
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- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
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- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
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	(S-3)	3.20 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 2.35 pm, 5.55 pm
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Pei Mama (Ta)	(S-2)	3.40 pm
Thalaivi (H)	(S-2)	6.10 pm
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	(S-3)	10.00 am, 1.25 pm 4.50 pm
Shang-Chi & Legend of 10 Rings (E)	(S-4)	5.50 pm
Pukasatte Lifu (K)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
Janumada Jaathre (K)	(S-3)	11.45 am

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Don't Breathe-2 (E)	:	12:50 pm
Fast & Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	:	12:20 pm
Malignant (E)	:	3:30 pm

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Shang-Chi & Legend of 10 Rings (E)	:	6.00 pm
Fast & Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	:	11.50 pm

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Jungle Cruise (3D-E)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 1.30 pm 4.00 pm, 6.30 pm
Maro Prasthanam (Te)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 6.20 pm

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'Hold AGM of Natl. Co-operative Housing Federation in Bengaluru next year'

Karnataka Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar** (second from left), **who is also Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts in-Charge Minister, is seen with others during the 2021 AGM of National Co-operative Housing Federation at New Delhi on Sunday.

New Delhi, Sept. 27- Karnataka Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is also Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts in-Charge Minister, has appealed the Union Government to hold the 2022 Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of National Co-operative Housing Federation at Bengaluru.

Addressing the 2021 AGM of the Federation at New Delhi on Sunday, Somashekar, who is also a Director of the Federation, said that the Centre should frame a policy which enables the poor to buy sites at cheaper rates.

Maintaining that there are several hurdles in the land acquisition process for distribution of sites to the poor, he said that Union Co-operation and Home Minister Amit Shah should take note of this and take necessary measures for clearing the hurdles. Reiterating the demand that the next AGM should take place in Bengaluru and Karnataka was ready to host it, Somashekar wanted the Centre to make some amendments to the existing Act for strengthening Housing Co-operative Federations in all States.

Somashekar also submitted a memorandum seeking holding of next AGM at Bengaluru and a host of other demands concerning the Housing Co-op. sector. In response, the Federation's National President Bijay Kumar Singh said, demands will be studied following which an appropriate decision will be taken.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 27)

- **Nakshatra Foundation Charitable Trust - Mysuru Film Institute:** Basic Acting Workshop, Actor & Director Sathish Ponnachi conducts classes, Institute premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.** [Mob: 96864-34095 or 80504-90095]
- **Modi Yug Utsav:** Modi @ 71 - Azad Bharat @ 75 - Swarna KR, cultural programme, folk songs/ dance, **5.30 pm;** Dance by Kailasamurthy and troupe, Park in front of MLA S.A. Ramdas' home-office, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Music Festival, concert by vocalist N. Srinath along with Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Sai Shivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga and T.A Ramanujan on morching, 6pm; Flute recital by Mysore A. Chandan Kumar, accompanied by Sumanth Manjunath on violin, A. Radhesh on mridanga and Shamith Gowda on ghata, Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **7.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 28)

- **Mysuru City Corporation (MCC):** Healthy Week for MCC Under Ground Drainage (UGD) Department employees, Pranayama Workshop, Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, **6.30 am to 10 am.**
- **Hastashilpi:** Silk India-2021, exhibition-cum-Sale of silk products from across the country, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Hosa Balaku Mahila Swasahaya Sangha:** Shilpam Art and Craft - Silk and Cotton, Handicrafts and Handloom Expo, Open Ground beside Shiva Shakti Kalyana Mantapa, near Highway Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Indian Art and Craft House and Festiworld:** Exhibition-cum-Sale of handlooms and handicrafts from across India, Open Ground near Apollo Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Basaveshwara Social Change, Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore and District Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Chintana Chittara, Mysuru:** Book release — senior critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy's 'Vachana Prashnottara' — by Dr. Basavaraja Kalgudi, researcher and critic, Dr. M.G. Manjunat, Director, KIKS, presides, KIKS premises, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
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TODAY'S MATCH (SEPT. 27)

SRH Vs RR — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (SEPT. 28)

KKR Vs DC — 3.30 pm

MI Vs PBKS — 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

KKR - 171 / 6 (20)
Lose to
CSK - 172 / 8 (20)

RCB - 165 / 6 (20)
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MI - 111 (18.1)

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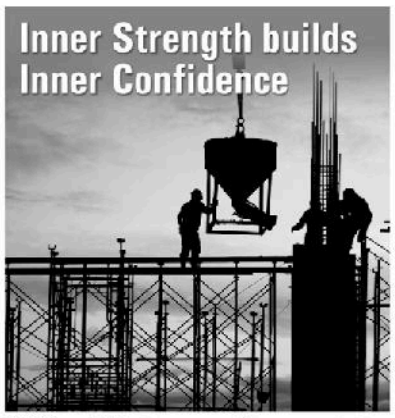

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